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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 262,000 head as of April 1, 2020. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month's inventory and 14 percent below April 1, 2019. The inventory included 257,000 steers and steer calves, 14 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 5,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during March 2020, 9 percent above the previous month marketings and 11 percent below the March 2019 marketings. An estimated 31,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2020, 19 percent above last month and unchanged from March 2019 placements of 31,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2020 is estimated at 1,000 head, no change from last month or last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on April 1, 2020. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2019. The inventory included 7.08 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.22 million head, down 7 percent from 2019. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.56 million head, 23 percent below 2019. Placements were the lowest for March since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.50 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 310,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 220,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 410,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 402,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 155,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 2.01 million head, 13 percent above 2019. Marketings were the second highest for March since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during March, 12 percent below 2019.

For a full copy of the April 2020 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).